



ROLVENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 7.30pm, in the Main Hall, Rolvenden Village Hall, Maytham Road, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4ND for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Present: Cllr. Mrs. D. Curtain, Cllr. Mrs. J. Stace, Cllr. Mr. Michael Hook, Cllr. Mr. Robin Wilcox and the Clerk to the Council.

Apologies for absence: Were accepted from Cllr. Mr. Duncan Murray and Cllr. Mr. John Wilkins (family commitments), Cllr. Mr. Brian. Hindley and Cllr. Mrs. Irene Newman (Illness) and Cllr. Mr Graham Tiltman (holiday).

(a) Declarations of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: *under the Localism Act 2011 to be made relating to items on this Agenda – None.*

(b) Declarations of Members' Other Significant Interests: *under the Kent Code of Conduct adopted in August 2012 by the Parish Council, to be made relating to items on the Agenda – None.*

(c) Declarations of Members' other Interests: *not required to be disclosed under (a) and (b) but voluntary announcements made only for transparency reasons – Cllr. Mr. Michael Hook declared an Interest as a member of the Weald of Kent Preservation Society and Kent & East Sussex Railway.*

354. DRAFT MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th August 2017, copies having previously been sent to each Parish Councillor, were agreed, approved and signed as a Correct Record.

355. Public Participation.

An opportunity for members of the public to speak prior to beginning of the business of the Main Parish Council Meeting.

None.

356. Planning – All related matters.

[i] Applications for CONSULTATION received from Ashford Borough Council were accepted and considered.

17/01263/AS Proposed stables block with feed store and associated access driveway .
with vehicle turning area.

Land south of Swiss Cottage, Rolvenden Hill, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this application on the grounds of safety with respect to the access to and from the A28 Rolvenden Hill.

[ii] Applications for CONSULTATION received between 12th and 19th September from Ashford Borough Council were accepted and considered.

17/01351/AS Solar Panel Installation within rear garden.

Frensham Manor, Winsor Road, Rolvenden Layne, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4NL

The Parish Council is happy to leave this in the hands of the Listed Building Officer with a request for them to ensure that if permission is granted, the panels do not unduly affect the aesthetics of Frensham Manor.

[iii] Consent GRANTED by Ashford Borough Council to the following Applications were considered.

None notified.

[iv] Halden Field – related matters were accepted and considered.

The Chairman, Cllr. Mr. Duncan Murray has been negotiating regarding the parking restrictions which, as a result, have now been relaxed to: Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 16:00 with no restrictions on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. They are however unable to provide alternative parking arrangements.

[v] Barratt Field – related matters were accepted and considered.

The Parish Council needs to have a decision by November on whether they will go ahead with a Pavilion Project because in November the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be coming before the Parish Council to be approved before it goes out to Public Consultation and therefore a decision is needed as to whether a Pavilion is to be included.

Letters are to be written to all interested parties to enquire about their interest in the provision of a Pavilion.

[vi] Planning Related Issues – not raised elsewhere on the Agenda to be accepted and considered.

None.

357. Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Public Exhibition will be over the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd. The Parish Council will need to approve NDP before it goes to Public Consultation.

It has been arranged that there will be an additional closed meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 15th November which will consist of a briefing with Tony Fulwood to ensure that everyone is fully informed on the contents of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

358. Highways.

All related matters were accepted and considered.

[i] Fire Hydrants

The Clerk advised that the completed list was submitted to Water Services at Kent Fire & Rescue. No acknowledgement has yet been received.

[ii] Other Highways Issues

Cllr. Mrs. Denise Curtain has delivered “Vegetation Notices” to residents whose hedges are overhanging the highway in Rolvenden Layne. Some residents have attended to this but some have not. Cllr. Curtain suggested that we give them to the end of September and then these will be reported on the Kent County Council Highways Portal.

Cllr. Curtain also delivered the new ‘A’ Board regulations to users in the village telling them that she would return in one week to collect the completed forms. Upon returning to collect them she was advised that for various reasons they have not been completed. This is therefore an ongoing matter.

A letter has also been sent to Pashley Manor to advise them that only ‘A’ Boards appertaining to local businesses were to be placed on the highway in Rolvenden.

The level crossing at Rolvenden Railway Station was reported to Kent County Council because of the un-even area in the direction of Rolvenden to Tenterden. Kent County Council confirmed that several complaints have been received about this but there is nothing they can do. They suggested writing to Kent & East Sussex Railway.

359. B.T. Telephone Kiosk in the Streyte.

The Clerk advised that the next stage in the adoption of the kiosk is to contact Ashford Borough Council to find out what conditions apply as this kiosk is a Listed Building.

To date there has not been a response from Ashford Borough Council. Adoption will therefore be suspended until a response has been received from Ashford Borough Council.

360. St. Mary's Flats – High Street.

It was agreed to wait for Sylvia Kellett's opinion on the situation with regard to the trees when she returns from holiday. This item to be carried forward to the next meeting.

361. Allotments in Rolvenden.

An audio file of a telephone voice message from Miss. Thoburn was played to members during which she confirmed that the allotments would not be offered for sale either now or in the future.

362. Finance.

All related matters were accepted and considered.

[i] It was resolved to pay the following:

J.P. Oakeley	£820.00
Mr. S. Brooks	£120.00
Cardiac Science	£ 76.74
Cllr. Mrs. Denise Curtain	£ 60.00 (Re-imburement flowers for Cllr. Newman)
Clerk's Wages	£430.50
Expenses	£ 9.40

[ii] Accounts presented at this meeting were accepted and considered.

None.

[iii] Other Finance related items.

Items not mentioned elsewhere on this Agenda were accepted and considered.

Cllr. Mr. Michael Hook gave the Clerk £5.00 from the sale of one copy of the Rolvenden 100 publication.

331. Other Matters for Information Only.

Issues may be raised which involve no more than an exchange of information. NO DECISIONS may lawfully be made on matters raised under this exchange.

LGA 1972 Sch. 12.

1. Cllr. Mr. Michael Hook reported that the Primary School now has a new window on the end of the building.
2. Cllr. Hook also reported the presence of a speed survey across the A28.
3. Cllr. Hook suggested yellow lines near the Jubilee Seat on the bend because of the fact that articulated lorries needed the full width of the road on the bend.